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For: AQUEOUS DISPERSION OF POLYESTER RESIN, PRODUCTION

METHOD OF THE SAME, AND AQUEOUS COATING

COMPOSITION

## PRELIMINARY REPLY AND SUBMISSION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

January 28, 2004

## Sir:

In reply to the Final Office Action dated October 28, 2003, the following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application. A Request for Continued Examination under 37 C.F.R. 1.114 is being concurrently filed with this reply. Please amend the present application as follows.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 7 of this paper.